

Research Archives Alice Schneider

S ince my last report to you, the Archives office has been moved to room 203. The room has been completely renovated and there is a section devoted to our extensive map collection. Room 200, our former office, is now in the process of being converted into a combination storage room and an extension of the reading room. By transfering older, little used journals there, much needed space can be made available for more current materials in the main reading room. We also plan to have Hebrew and Arabic typewriters available for faculty, staff and students to use in this room.

The Archives has accessioned the remaining bulk of the maps from the museum office. Additional map cases in the office will now be used for these new maps and any additional maps. This will bring the number of maps to approximately 1700.

Acquisitions this year include several new journals, including — Beiträge zur Assyriologie, a long out of print journal from the turn of the century, reprinted. Journal Asiatique, Raydan, Mari, Biblische Notizen and Archéologie aux Emirates Arabes Unis are all new and represent the broad spectrum of studies here. We continued exchanges — among the more profitable being with Dr. Kapera in Warsaw. The newest exchange is with Tokyo with the new journal al-Rafidan. Several new series were



started especially from France — Recherche sur les Grandes Civilisations. Our monograph collection has increased to 6835, our series to 3304 and our journals to 5562 — we are well over the 10,000 mark!

As you can see from the above, the Archives is growing steadily. Using room 200 as an addition to the reading room is only a temporary solution to our chronic space problem. In five years time, space will again become critical.

I would like to thank the following people who donated time and material to the Archives: Professors Biggs, Brinkman, Baer, Johnson, Pardee, Nims, and Donner. Thanks also to Mrs. G. Swift, Mr. Bud Haas (who was instrumental in acquiring a small but important library from Mrs. Wertime), everyone in the Epigraphic Survey team, and many others.

Our employees this year included John Meloy, Rich Graber and Mike Krausman. This will be my last report, as my husband and I are leaving for the University of Virginia. Chuck Jones, the new manager, will find I have left quite a bit of work to do!